

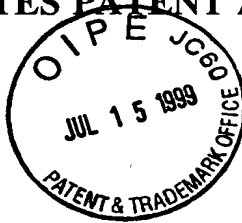
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of
Jean-Francois BACH *et al.*

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For: METHOD FOR TREATING ESTABLISHED SPONTANEOUS AUTO-
IMMUNE DISEASES IN MAMMALS



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Examiner: F. VanderVegt

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Favorable examination in view of the enclosed Rule 132 Declaration and following remarks is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for meeting with counsel on June 2, 1999, to discuss the above captioned application. In response to the Examiner's concern that "the permanent state of nonresponsiveness of the instant method" is no different from "the 'two-signal' type hypothesis of anergy induction," applicants respectfully submit a Rule 132 declaration by a co-inventor, who attests that the two are unrelated. An unexecuted version of the declaration is enclosed, and a signed declaration should be provided shortly. Also provided are copies of new references cited in the declaration.

In consideration of the enclosed declaration, a favorable disposition of the application is solicited.